



# NMFS

## Marine Mammal Protection Act

### List of Fisheries

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) requires that every U.S. commercial fishery be placed in one of three categories, depending on the expected frequency of serious injury or mortality of marine mammals incidental to fishing operations.

Fisheries that have high levels of incidental serious injury/mortality of marine mammals are designated as Category I fisheries. Fisheries that are expected to have occasional marine mammal serious injury/mortality are designated as Category II fisheries. Finally, those fisheries whose operations have a remote likelihood of serious injury/mortality of marine mammals are placed in Category III.

Together, the lists of fisheries in each category comprise the MMPA List of Fisheries. NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) reviews the best available information on marine mammal bycatch in U.S. fisheries for both the East and West Coasts and publishes an official List of Fisheries in the *Federal Register* each year.

Depending on what category a fishery is placed in, participating fishermen must comply with different regulations designed to recover and sustain marine mammal populations. Fishermen participating in Category I and II fisheries must comply with applicable take reduction plans. For more information about fishery classification criteria as well as other information about the List of Fisheries, including the List of Fisheries publications from 1996 to the present, visit the NOAA Fisheries Service web page at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/interactions/lof/>.

Atlantic Fisheries Currently Affected by Take Reduction Plans (TRPs)	
<p><b>Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northeast sink gillnet</li> <li>• Mid-Atlantic gillnet</li> <li>• Southeast Atlantic gillnet</li> <li>• Southeastern U.S. Atlantic shark gillnet</li> <li>• Northeast/Mid-Atlantic American lobster trap/pot</li> </ul> <p><b>Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northeast sink gillnet</li> <li>• Mid-Atlantic gillnet</li> </ul>	<p><b>Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atlantic blue crab trap/pot</li> <li>• Mid-Atlantic gillnet</li> <li>• North Carolina inshore gillnet</li> <li>• Southeast Atlantic gillnet</li> <li>• Southeastern U.S. Atlantic shark gillnet</li> <li>• Mid-Atlantic haul/beach seine</li> <li>• North Carolina long haul seine</li> <li>• North Carolina roe mullet stop net</li> <li>• Virginia pound net</li> </ul>